

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BILLINGS DIVISION

JODIE and ANDY DRANGE, each  
individually and on behalf of other  
persons similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MOUNTAIN WEST FARM BUREAU  
MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
and DOES 1-100,

Defendants.

CV 20-30-BLG-SPW

NOTICE

The Court held a scheduling conference on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in this matter. During the scheduling conference, Defendant Mountain West Farm argued that the Court had ruled, as a matter of law, that Plaintiffs Jodie and Andy Drange failed to abide by their insurance policy's appraisal process, which ultimately precluded any insurance coverage. Plaintiffs asserted that the Court had ruled that disputed facts existed on the issue, such that resolution on summary judgment was inappropriate. The parties asked the Court to resolve their dispute.

Having reviewed the record, the Court agrees with Plaintiffs. In its order on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment, the Court found it was

“apparent” that questions of fact existed on the issue. (Doc. 73 at 14-15). As such, summary judgment was inappropriate.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.



SUSAN P. WATTERS  
United States District Judge